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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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IN RE LOWER MANHATTAN DISASTER SITE  
LITIGATION

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JOHN SWEENEY (AND WIFE, ANN SWEENEY)

Civil Action No.: 07 CV 1711

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

Plaintiff(s),

- against -

ALAN KASMAN DBA KASCO, AMERICAN EXPRESS BANK, LTD, AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY, AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES COMPANY, INC., ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION, BATTERY PARK CITY AUTHORITY, BFP TOWER C CO. LLC., BFP TOWER C MM LLC., BLACKMON-MOORING-STEAMATIC CATASTOPHE, INC. D/B/A BMS CAT, BROOKFIELD FINANCIAL PROPERTIES, INC., BROOKFIELD FINANCIAL PEROPERTIES, LP, BROOKFIELD PARTNERS, LP, BROOKFIELD PROPERTIES CORPORATION, BROOKFIELD PROPERTIES HOLDINGS INC., ENVIRONTech CLEAN AIR, INC., GPS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, INC., HILLMAN ENVIRONMETAL GROUP, LLC., INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY, INC., KASCO RESTORATION SERVICES CO., LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDINGS INC., LEHMAN BROTHERS, INC., LEHMAN COMMERCIAL PAPER, INC., MCCLIER CORPORATION, MERRILL LYNCH & CO, INC., NOMURA HOLDING AMERICA, INC., NOMURA

SECURITIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.,  
STRUCTURE TONE (UK), INC., STRUCTURE  
TONE GLOBAL SERVICES, INC., TOSCORP  
INC., TRAMMELL CROW COMPANY,  
TRAMMELL CROW CORPORATE SERVICES,  
INC., TUCKER ANTHONY, INC., VERIZON NEW  
YORK, INC, WESTON SOLUTIONS, INC., WFP  
RETAIL CO. G.P. CORP., WFP RETAIL CO. L.P.,  
WFP TOWER A CO., WFP TOWER A CO. G.P.  
CORP., WFP TOWER A. CO., L.P., WFP TOWER  
B CO., LP, AND WFP TOWER B. CO., L.P., ET AL

Defendant(s).

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COUNSELORS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that defendants, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION, as and for their responses to the allegations set forth in the Complaint by Adoption (Check-Off Complaint) related to the Master Complaint filed in the above-referenced action, hereby adopts ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION's Answer to the Master Complaint dated August 8, 2007, which was filed in the matter of *In Re World Trade Center Lower Manhattan Disaster Site Litigation*, 21 MC 102 (AKH).

To the extent that ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION's, Answer to the Master Complaint does not comprehensively address any of the specific allegations within the Check-Off Complaint in the above-captioned matter, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such specific allegations.

WHEREFORE, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION demands judgment dismissing the above-captioned action as against it, together with its costs and disbursements.

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